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INFRASTRUCTURE EQUITY FUND
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to set up an Infrastructure Equity Fund with a corpus of Rs 1,000/- crores ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the financial institutions, state Bank of India and the Life InsuranceCorporation had agreed to provide funds for infrastructure projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIANANT.G.GEETE)

(a) to (d): The Finance Minister in his Budget Speech for the year 2002-2003 has announced for setting up of an Infrastructure Equity Fund of Rs. 1000 crores. The contributions to the Fund to be managed by Infrastructure Development Finance Company Ltd. (IDFC would be initially made by the public sector insurance companies, financial institutions (FIs) and some banks. IDFC has prepared a concept paper which is being discussed with banks/FIs including State Bank of India and Life Insurance Corporation. The details of the scheme are yet to be finalized.